THIS IS THE ARKANSAS RIVER—Or at least that's where it was. It used to flow under this bridge in Dodge City, Kan., but prolonged drouth not only dried up the river, but replaced it with this jungle of weeds. Unless some heavy rains come soon, the Arkansas will be well into its third dry year.

Government Cracking Down On Bird-Smuggling Racket

By NORMAN BELL

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — The government is cracking down on a new racket—smuggling birds.

It says the racket does a million dollar a year business and rivals narcotics smuggling in scope.

The government will make an effort to stop it in U. S. District Court here Sept. 15.

If the try succeeds, you may have trouble replacing your love bird pet, particularly if it cost you more than $5. You'll certainly have trouble getting a hyacinth blue macaw, if you're inclined to put out $1,500 for a bird.

Ten men and a woman will be on trial. The government alleges they are principals in bringing across the Mexican border at least 70,000 high-quality members of the psittacine, or parrot, family in the last two years. They are charged with violating a U. S. public health regulation which prohibits the commercial importation of psittacine birds.

This regulation was adopted 23 years ago when an outbreak of psticossis, or parrot fever, alarmed the country.

U. S. agents say that for years the regulation was almost forgotten and enforcement was no problem. Then, about 1950 or 1951, a new kind of parrot fever spread.

People went wild about the brightly colored creatures, parakeets in particular. There was no domestic production to meet the demand. It takes eight or nine years to develop quality parakeets and macaws and other larger and more valuable parrots will rarely reproduce at all in captivity.

Most of the parakeets, the agents report, come from long-established production centers in Holland and Belgium. The larger birds come from their tropical wilds.

They are shipped legally to Mexico and then, agents say, are smuggled in by various means—planes, cars or single men, walking dim trails at night and carrying as many as 500 parakeets in cages painted black.

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Nuns Ousted; One Teacher, Eight Rooms Left

JOHNSBURG, Ill. (AP)—A single teacher will register students tomorrow at the eight-room Johnsburg Public School, staffed last year by six Roman Catholic nuns.

The school became the focal point of a church-state controversy after a Lutheran housewife charge in a suit it was a parochial school operated with public funds.

Enrollment in the elementary school is expected to drop sharply this year because the nuns are setting up a separate parochial school in Johnsburg, a predominantly Catholic community.

The public school last year had 194 pupils, including 152 Catholics. Most of the Catholics and some who are not are expected to follow the nuns to the parochial school, which will open Sept. 9.

Mrs. Dorothy Larson, 31, filed suit April 10 asking the McHenry County Circuit Court to close the Johnsburg Public School on grounds it violated constitutional guarantees of separation of church and state.

The woman, whose two children attended the school, claimed they were discriminated against because they were not Catholics.

In answering the suit, which will be heard Thursday by Judge Bernard Decker, the nuns denied the charges, adding that if the conditions ever existed, "they no longer exist" because the nuns had resigned their public teaching posts at the end of the school year last June.

Following the mass resignation, the Johnsburg school board hired one lay teacher to staff the public school, erected three years ago at a cost of $183,000.

The original Johnsburg Public School burned down 15 years ago and pupils were transferred to a parochial school. When the new public school was built in 1950, nuns and pupils transferred to it.

Morocco Probe Defeat Likely

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—France needed the support of only one more Security Council member today to block consideration of the touchy Moroccan situation. Three countries — Colombia, Chile and Denmark—have not yet announced their position.

As the 11-nation body prepared to continue its discussions today, France, Britain and the United States were lined up opposing the Arab-Asian demands that the issue be added to the council's agenda. Greece has announced it will abstain.

Although four member countries have said they will support the demands, the proposal appeared headed for defeat. Seven affirmative votes are needed to put it across, so even one more abstention would stymie council action.

The 15 Arab-Asian nations charge the recent removal of the Moroccan Sultan by France threatened international peace. France contends that the administration of Morocco is a purely internal affair and no concern of the U.N.

The four council members supporting the Arab-Asian demand are Nationalist China, the Soviet Union, Pakistan and Lebanon.

Two High-Ranking Officers Return

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Korean War prisoner exchange moved into its fifth and possibly last week today with 100 more Americans returning to freedom from North Korean prison camps.

The Communists promised to hand back another 100 Americans tomorrow, as well as 200 South Koreans for a total of 300—the smallest daily total since the dramatic swap started 28 days ago.

Riding happily into Panmunjom on open trucks today were two high-ranking Allied officers, both with many months of Red captivity behind them.

Tidelands Tracts Evoke Interest

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—First auction of the so-called "tidelands" leases since Texas regained title to the submerged lands was to be held here today.

Land Commissioner Bascom Giles said considerable interest had been shown in four 640-acre tracts in Jefferson County, about three miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.

Revenues from such submerged lands in Texas go into the public school fund.

'SHORT BUT INTERESTING'

TOKYO (AP)—Marine Lt. Henry C. Clifford Jr., of Staten Island, N. Y., arrived in Korea in May, was wounded and captured in July and repatriated in August.

"It was short but interesting," Clifford said today. "Tonight I'm flying home no worse off than when I came, and I've certainly learned a lot."

STATION BLACKED OUT

BALTIMORE (AP)—Pennsylvania station was plunged into darkness for 47 minutes last night by a power failure which stalled mainline traffic for more than two hours. Ticket sellers did business with the aid of coal oil lamps.

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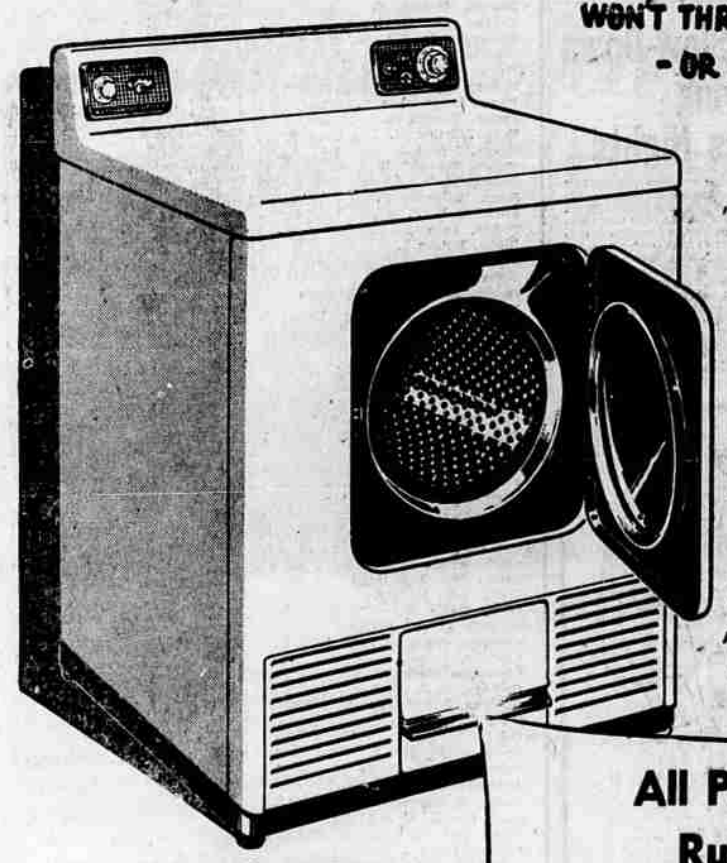

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